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FOR : DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SOBER FROM CHARGE

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SUBJ: VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA

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1. AMBASSADOR HAS NOT SPECIFIED HOW HE PLANNED TO HANDLE VISA, BUT WE WILL HAVE IT AVAILABLE FOR YOU WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN JIDDA. ON ARRIVAL YOU WILL BE BROUGHT DIRECTLY TO EMBASSY COMPOUND; CUSTOMS AND PASSPORT PROCEDURES WILL BE TAKEN CARE OF BY EMBASSY.

2. SECNAV MIDDENDORF AND CHIEF OF ENGINEERS LT. GEN. AND MRS. GRIBBLE WILL BE IN COUNTRY ABOUT TIME OF YOUR VISIT AND HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO BE AMBASSADOR'S HOUSEGUEST. SHOULD RESIDENCE GUESTROOMS ALREADY BE FULL, WOULD BE HAPPY IF YOU COULD STAY WITH US.

3. BEFORE YOU DEPART US, WE WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH SCHEDULE DETAILS BY CABLE. IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT ROYAL DIWAN AND MANY MINISTERS WILL BE IN JIDDA DURING SECOND WEEK OF SEPTEMBER IN PREPARATION FOR RAMADAN. PROPOSE YOU CALL ON AS MANY OF FOLLOWING OFFICIALS AS YOU CAN (SOME OF WHOM YOU MAY ALREADY HAVE MET IN WASHINGTON): PRINCE FAHD, MINPET YAMANI, MINISTER OF FINANCE MUSA'AD, MINISTER OF STATE FOR FINANCE ABAL KHAIL, OMAR SAQQAF, SAMA GOVERNOR ANWAR ALI, AND COP PRESIDENT HISHAM NAZER.

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4. ON YOUR RETURN TO JIDDA AFTERNOON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, YOU MAY WISH TO RELAX. SWIMMING (COMPOUND POOL), AVAILABLE, OR TRIP TO EMBASSY CABINS ON RED SEA. YOU CAN LEAVE FOR RIYADH 0900, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14. POLITICAL OFFICER CHARLES CECIL WOULD ACCOMPANY YOU.

5. IN RIYADH IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR YOU TO BE BRIEFED BY THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS AND OUR SANG ADVISORY GROUP, VISIT THE OFFICERS OF THE US-SAUDI ECONOMIC COMMISSION, AND GET A FIRST-HAND IMPRESSION OF THE LAYOUT OF THE CAPITAL. YOU WILL BE IN RIYADH SAME TIME AS AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP; YOU MIGHT WISH TO ATTEND ONE OF ITS SESSIONS. IN THE EVENING YOU MIGHT WISH TO HAVE DINNER WITH SOME SELECTED US BUSINESSMEN PLUS CERTAIN OF THE MOST PROMISING SAUDI OFFICIALS.

6. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING FOR YOU WHILE IN DHAHRAN, BRIEFLY TO TOUR ARAMCO FACILITIES, AND RECEIVE BRIEFINGS ON COMPANY'S OPERATIONS. I WILL BE INFORMING JIM BAHTI OF YOUR TRAVEL DATES FOR HIS INFORMATION AND PREPARATORY WORK.

7. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS OR PREFERENCES RE ROUGH OUTLINE ABOVE, PLEASE LET US KNOW. WILL IN ANY CASE REVIEW THIS WITH AMBASSADOR, WHO IS EXPECTED TO RETURN AUGUST 29.
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